

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 29, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 596, 3/28/2017; HB 597, 3/28/2017
Executive Action: HB 596; HB 597; HB 13

00:01:22 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 597

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:32 Rep. Alan Doane (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 597, Create voluntary contribution account to acquire public access easements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:39 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:50 Rep. Cook
00:03:59 Chair Ballance
00:04:14 Rep. Cook
00:04:20 Vice Chair Brodehl
00:04:39 Rep. Doane
00:04:58 Rep. Hamlett
00:05:22 Rep. Doane
00:06:17 Rep. Peppers
00:06:45 Rep. Doane

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:09 Rep. Doane

HEARING ON HB 596

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:25 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 596, Extend certain benefits for veterans to additional military honor recipients.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:53 Rep. Ellis
00:12:33 Rep. McKamey
00:12:57 Rep. Hamlett
00:14:08 Rep. McKamey
00:14:34 Rep. Hamlett
00:14:57 Rep. Cook
00:16:41 Rep. McKamey
00:16:54 Rep. Cook

00:16:59 Vice Chair McCarthy
00:17:31 Rep. McKamey
00:17:40 Chair Ballance
00:19:01 Rep. McKamey
00:19:22 Vice Chair Brodehl
00:20:18 Rep. McKamey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:11 Rep. McKamey

00:21:24 Chair Ballance

00:21:31 Recessed
00:40:55 Reconvened - with Rep. Patelis and Rep. Jones present
00:41:05 Rep. McKamey

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00:42:24 Chair Ballance

00:42:44 Recessed
00:57:38 Reconvened - with Rep. Cuffe excused

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 13

00:57:55 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 13 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:58:07 Vice Chair McCarthy
00:59:42 Rep. Woods
00:59:58 Chair Ballance
01:00:03 Rep. Woods
01:00:50 Chair Ballance

01:01:51 **Vote:** Motion failed 11-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Keane, Rep. Knokey, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

01:03:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 13 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 14-8 by voice vote with Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 596

01:03:59 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 596 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:04:08 Vice Chair McCarthy

01:05:25 **Vote:** Motion failed 11-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Cook, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

01:06:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 596 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 19-3 by voice vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Hamlett and Rep. Peppers voting no. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 597

01:07:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 597 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

01:07:44 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:08:59

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph65aad.pdf](#))